

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, at line 7, please insert:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a Divisional application of co-pending prior U.S. Application No. 09/776,287 (Atty. Dkt. No. NSC1P193/P04811), entitled "UNIVERSAL CLAMPING MECHANISM", filed on February 1, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference and from which priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is claimed.